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insert as a heading BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION.

Page 3, before the first paragraph:

insert as a heading SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION.

Page 5, after the second paragraph:

insert as a heading BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS.

Paragraph 3 delete in its entirety and insert the following:

Further, advantages, features and details of the invention follow from the description below of a preferred exemplary embodiment and with reference to the drawing.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Referring to the Figure, a cross section is shown through an apparatus according to the invention for the fine blanking of workpieces from a material, for example from a metal sheet 1. This metal sheet is passes through a machine frame 2 between a crosshead 3 and a base 4. Side walls are identified by 5 and 6.

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3. (Amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1 [or 2], characterized in that a piston (23) is arranged in the compensation cylinder[(s)] (22) and is firmly connected to the ram (7) via a piston rod (24).

5. (Amended) The apparatus as claimed in [at least one claims 1 to 4] claim 1, characterized in that the V-ring cylinder (13) is arranged on a crosshead (3) of a machine frame (2).

6. (Amended) The apparatus as claimed in [at least one of claims 1 to 5] claim 1, characterized in that the ram (7) is supported against at least one main cylinder (19.1, 19.2).

8. (Amended) The apparatus as claimed in [at least one of claims 1 to 7] claim 1, characterized in that the hydraulic connection (25) between compensation cylinder (22) and V-ring cylinder (13) also has a connection (36) to an oil tank via a logic valve (27).

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